

comprising: opposed lower and upper platens each of which includes elongated quench tubes which are substantially parallel to each other and have quench openings; the lower platen having deformable drive shafts which extend between the elongated quench tubes thereof and are oriented to be substantially perpendicular to those quench tubes and which are rotatably supported by those quench tubes, and the lower platen also having drive wheels supported on the deformable drive shafts thereof at spaced locations to engage and move the glass sheet; an actuator connected to the lower platen for moving the quench tubes as a glass sheet is bent about a direction parallel to the quench tubes to generally conform the tubes to a desired bent shape of a glass sheet wherein said desired bent shape is parallel to the quench tubes; and means to supply quenching gas through the quench tubes to uniformly temper a glass sheet therebetween.

REMARKS

Applicants' hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to file the Appeal Brief, thereby extending the time within which to respond to June 13, 2000.

By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 27 to conform to the language discussed by Examiner Ruller and the undersigned counsel in an April 17, 2000 telephonic interview, as set forth in the Interview Summary, Paper No. 64.

The amended claim, along with the supporting disclosure is provided below.

27. (Amended) An apparatus for uniformly tempering a glass sheet comprising: a glass bending and tempering apparatus *Col. 4, ll. 30-31.*

opposed lower and upper platens

The bending and tempering apparatus includes a support that mounts the opposed bending platens at upper and lower locations with respect to each other *Col. 3, ll. 9-12; Col. 5, ll. 23-25.*